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Sir:

This is to confirm a statement made during a conference with Ms. Juliet McMillan, Legal Instruments Examiner at the Patent and Trademark Office, on December 4, 2002. During the conference Ms. McMillan stated that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 6, 2002 has been withdrawn.

Therefore, no further papers are being submitted in response thereto. This paper is deemed to be a complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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